

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated December 8, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 8, 2005. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-5, 7-11, 18, and 32-42 remain pending in the application. Claims 1-5, 7-11, and 32-37 stand rejected. Claims 18 and 38-42 are indicated to be allowable by the Examiner.

Applicants propose canceling claims 1-5, 7-11, and 32-37. Applicants submit that the changes made herein place the claims in condition for allowance and do not introduce new matter.

Claims 1-5, 7-9, and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Subramanyan, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,107,192), in view of *Parkhe*, (U.S. Patent No. 6,033,482), and *Chen, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,132,813). Applicants submit that the rejection of claims 1-5, 7-9, and 32 is moot as Applicants propose canceling claims 1-5, 7-9, and 32.

Claims 10-11 and 33-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Denning, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,451,181), in view of *Parkhe* and *Asaka* (U.S. Patent No. 5,236,537). Applicants submit that the rejection of claims 10-11 and 33-37 is moot as Applicants propose canceling claims 10-11 and 33-37.

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Final Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

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